

# SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

**July 10th, 2016**

“...according to HIS mercy  
HE SAVED US...through  
JESUS CHRIST our  
SAVIOUR”

READ TITUS 3:1-7

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## Schedule of Services

Sunday School            10:00 am

Sunday Worship        11:00 am

Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

### Nursery

*Nursery available for 4 years old and younger*

**Happy Birthday!**

**Lesia Groover - July 11th**

Beloved, our LORD did not pray for those who *believe on doctrines*, HE prayed for those that shall BELIEVE ON HIM.

(JOHN 17:20)

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## SOVEREIGNTY, SUCCESS, SUBSTITUTION, & SATISFACTION

Meditate today on these four words, as they relate to the death of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, by which we are redeemed: **SOVEREIGNTY, SUCCESS, SUBSTITUTION**, [and] **SATISFACTION**. Here are four Words that will both instruct and comfort your hearts, and inspire your hearts with Thanksgiving and praise to the LORD JESUS CHRIST for HIS great redemption.

The first word is **SOVEREIGNTY**—Our LORD's work of redemption was an act of DIVINE sovereignty. "*He laid down his life for us*" (1 JOHN 3:16). There was nothing in us which compelled him, or moved him to redeem us. He voluntarily laid down his Life for us, because it was the free and sovereign pleasure of his love to do so.

The second is **SUCCESS**—Because our REDEEMER is the eternal, sovereign GOD: we are assured that his death and his redemptive work is a success, and not a failure. The prophecy has been fulfilled - "*He shall not fail*" (ISAIAH 42:4) Whatever the LORD JESUS CHRIST intended to accomplish at Calvary, HE has accomplished.

The third is **SUBSTITUTION**—The LORD JESUS CHRIST died as a Substitute for a particular people. And those people for whom CHRIST stood as a substitute at Calvary, bearing their sins and enduring the wrath of GOD in their place shall never perish. They are redeemed!

The fourth is **SATISFACTION**—Our blessed SAVIOR's one, substitutionary sacrifice for our sins has completely and perfectly satisfied the wrath and justice of GOD against us. HIS sacrifice was infinitely meritorious, so that every sinner who believes on CHRIST is freely justified and fully pardoned.

PASTOR **DONNIE BELL**

Beloved, the whole counsel of GOD is JESUS CHRIST and HIM crucified. Our LORD said the scriptures *'are they which testify of me.'*  
(JOHN 5:39, ACTS 20:27, 1 CORINTHIANS 2:2)

## **DRUNK WITH THE WINE OF BABYLON'S FORNICATION**

*"THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT MEAT AND DRINK; BUT RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND PEACE, AND JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST."* (ROMANS 14:17)

Many who would never touch alcohol are drunk with the wine of Babylon's fornication, drinking in the devil's message of salvation, righteousness or sanctification by the will and works of the sinner. Lord, teach your people that *"the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."* (REVELATION 17:1-2, 5; ROMANS 14:17) PASTOR **CLAY CURTIS**

## **VITALLY JOINED**

*"HE THAT BELIEVETH ON THE SON HATH EVERLASTING LIFE: AND HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT THE SON SHALL NOT SEE LIFE; BUT THE WRATH OF GOD ABIDETH ON HIM."* (JOHN 3:36)

Spiritual life and faith are two distinct things, yet they are so vitally joined together that neither exists alone. Where there is spiritual life, there is faith in CHRIST; and where there is faith in CHRIST, there is spiritual life. In a newborn infant, if GOD gives physical life, it breathes; if life is absent, it does not. Breathing is an evidence that life is present; but also, life cannot exist without breathing. It is even so spiritually. GOD gives life; the evidence is faith in CHRIST. No faith in CHRIST, no life! The question we should ask ourselves is not do we have life? But, do we believe on CHRIST?

PASTOR **CHARLES PENNINGTON**

## DOTH THIS OFFEND YOU?

*IT IS THE SPIRIT THAT QUICKENETH; THE FLESH PROFITETH NOTHING: THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK UNTO YOU, THEY ARE SPIRIT, AND THEY ARE LIFE.*

(READ JOHN 6:35-65)

No man can faithfully preach the gospel of CHRIST without offending men. To many it is a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense. The preaching of the cross is the one means which GOD has ordained for the salvation of sinners. Yet, it is most offensive to the natural man. Why? The answer is not hard to find.

The gospel of the grace of GOD offends man's dignity, because it addresses all men as sinners. The gospel leaves no place for human dignity. It is the great leveler of men. All are sinners. We all by nature are nothing more than helpless, condemned sinners.

The gospel of GOD offends man's wisdom, because it comes by divine revelation. It is not possible for any man to know the gospel, unless it is revealed in his heart.

The gospel offends man's pride, because it declares a particular and effectual redemption. Our LORD JESUS did actually put away sin. By his mighty act of death, as our Substitute, JESUS CHRIST did really and completely accomplish eternal redemption for his people. There is nothing for the sinner to do, whereby he might proudly claim merit before GOD. You must bow to CHRIST, receiving all grace from him as a pure, free gift, or you must perish.

And the gospel of GOD's grace and glory in CHRIST offends man's love of self, because it demands discipleship. The gospel demands commitment. It demands total, unreserved surrender to the lordship of CHRIST. No man has saving faith in CHRIST who does not in his heart confess and acknowledge that CHRIST is LORD, submitting to his will, surrendering to his dominion, and trusting his grace. If JESUS CHRIST is not your LORD and KING, he is not your REDEEMER and SAVIOR.

To many the gospel is offensive. That cannot be changed. Assuredly as you attempt to make it pleasing to natural men, you will compromise its message and there will be no gospel in it. But to them who are the called by almighty grace, it is the power and wisdom of God.

PASTOR **DON FORTNER**

*"The grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST be with you all. Amen."*

REVELATION 22:21